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THERE FOLLOWS THE DEPARTURE STATEMENT AND PRESS CONFERENCE OF
SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE IN MADRID MAY 12, INCLUDED
ARE THE REMARKS OF SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA.
"FIRST LET ME SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THE VERY GRACIOUS
HOSPITALITY WHICH I AND MY COLLEAGUES HAVE RECEIVED IN OUR
FAR TOO SHORT VISIT TO MADRID. I WANT ESPECIALLY TO THANK THE
FOREIGN MINISTER FOR HIS MANY, MANY KINDNESSES TO US AND FOR
THE VERY INSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE HAVE HAD.
I AM VERY HONORED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH
HIS MAJESTY THE KING AND WITH PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING
IN DISCUSSION WHICH COVERED BOTH BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL
MATTERS. I ALSO APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY TO
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PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SPANISH US COUNCIL
WE HAD A GOOD FIRST MEETING AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE WORK OF
THE COUNCIL IN THE FUTURE AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE TIES
BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. I SEE I HAVE A FIRST QUESTION
HERE, AND THE FIRST QUESTION IS : WHAT IS MY OPINION OF THE
MEETINGS THAT I PARTICIPATED IN. THE MEETINGS WERE EXCELLENT
I FOUND THEM VERY INSTRUCTIVE, AS I HAVE INDICATED, THEY WERE

FRIENDLY WARM, AND I LEARNED A LOT IN THE PROCESS.

Q. MR SECRETARY, DID YOU AGREE ON ANY STEPS TO IMPROVE MILITARY COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN AND DID YOU DISCUSS OF GEN BROWN DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF THE AMERICAN TANKER FLEETS AND POSSIBILITY EXPANDING IT FROM THE NUMBER LIMITED BY THE TREATY".

A. LET ME SAY FIRST, I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER GEN BROWN DISCUSSED THAT QUESTION DURING HIS VISIT HERE. IN THE MILITARY FIELD THSES WERE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AND PRIMARILY ON SETTING UP A FRAMEWORK FOR CONSULTATION IN THE FUTURE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES;

Q. WHAT SORT OF FRAMEWORK DID YOU SET UP, SIR?

A. WELL WE HAVE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL WHICH WILL BE DEVOTING ITSELF SPECIFICALLY TO THAT END.

Q. CAN YOU TELL US WHEN THE JOINT STAFF WILL BE SET UP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES"

A. MR FOREIGN MINISTER, DO YOU WANT TO COMMENT ON THAT"

A. OREJA) TRANSLATION) CONCERNING THE SETTING UP AND LAUNCHING OF A COMBINED US SPANISH MILITARY STAFF (SIC) WE WERE AWAITING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HEADQUARTERS. I MAY NOW STATE THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED UPON THE LOCATION OF THE COUNCIL'S HEADQUARTERS AND, WITHIN A PERIOD OF NO LONGER THAN FORTY DAYS, THIS COMBINED US SPANISH MILITARY STAFF WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING. THE REMAINING COMMITTEES HAVE ALREADY MET THEY HAVE DEBATED AND HAVE REACHED AGREEMENTS AND THE RESULTS OF THEIR MEETINGS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED THIS MORNING IN THE US SPANISH COUNCIL, THE FIRST FURTHER TO ITS INAUGURATION LAST OCTOBER 1ST.

Q. WHERE ARE THE HEADQUARTERS.....?

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A. OREJA) WELL, THE HEADQUARTERS HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BUT IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE QUESTION OF THE RENT (SIC) HAS YET TO BE SETTLED FORMALLY AND FOR THIS REASONS I HESITATE TO NAME THE THE STREET AND THE NUMBER EXACTLY, ALTHOUGH I CAN TELL THAT THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND I HAVE PASSED BY THE FUTURE HEADQUARTERS AND TO BOTH OF US IT WAS A SOURCE OF GREAT SATISFACTION SINCE WE CONSIDER THAT IT ADEQUATELY FULFILLS ALL THE CONDITIONS.

Q. MR SECRETARY THE TALK WITH THE PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ LASTED SOMEWHAT LONGER THAN EXPECTED. ANY PARTICULAR REASON FOR THAT".

A. NO WE HAD A VERY INTERESTING CONVERSATION WHICH COVERED A LOT OF DIFFERENT MATTERS. I SPOKE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT THE RECENT MEETINGS WHICH I HAVE BEEN ATTENDING IN LONDON, BOTH THE SUMMIT OF THE SEVEN AND THE NATO MEETING, AND OUR DISCUSSION ON THAT TOOK QUITE A DEAL OF TIME. WE THEN DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND OUR BILATERAL ISSUES AS WELL, AND THE NET OF IT WAS THAT IT TOOK A LONG WHILE. SEC VANCE I AM AFRAID THIS HAS GOT TO BE THE LAST QUESTION BECAUSE I HAVE TO GET ON A PLANE..STABLER

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